



Montana AMBASSADORS

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The MONTANA AMBASSADORS
a volunteer, not-for-profit organization of leaders in business,
education, and the professions with a common dedication to
living and doing business in Montana and furthering the best
interests of the state, serving at the pleasure of the Governor.

March 14, 2007

TO: HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
Rep. John Sinrud, Chair

RE: HB5 AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

Montana Ambassadors is a volunteer, not-for-profit organization whose members include over 150 leaders in business, education, and government. As an organization, the Montana Ambassadors is dedicated to helping develop Montana's business environment.

Montana Ambassadors encourage your support of HB5 and the funding for the Challenge Grant for the Super Computer project. There is no doubt that making this project a reality will open the door for economic development, new jobs and cutting-edge research for Montana.

Funding for this project would ultimately impact every aspect of science and research in the state and grow new businesses. Super or "deep" computing has the potential to examine problems such as groundwater flow, analysis of oil field reservoirs and carbon sequestration as well as biofuels and aerospace applications.

In addition, this asset would create a knowledge-based economy, a "green" technology that would attract high paying jobs and professionals. Please invest in this project and change Montana's future.

Sincerely,

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